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Wine, Dine and Learn About Local Seafood

Nags Head- Come learn more about the diverse bounties of the coast from a local waterman and enjoy a multi-course meal during the N.C. Coastal Federation's Wine, Dine and Learn about Ribbonfish event at Café Lachine on Jan. 22, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Chefs Johanna and Justin Lachine have put together a custom menu for the evening, featuring ribbonfish, with appropriate wine pairings during the multiple courses.

Ribbonfish is a saltwater species that is named after its long, string-like dorsal fin that waves like a ribbon as it swims. Traditionally named Atlantic cutlassfish, this sleek and silver-skinned fish has mild, tender meat that flakes easily off the bones.

During the meal, guests will learn more about this species from commercial fisherman, Dewey Hemilright. The Kitty Hawk native has been fishing, near and far, off the N.C. coast for more than 25 years. He serves on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and is an active member in Outer Banks Catch. He also works with scientists studying fish migratory and breeding behavior and takes researchers on his boat to record information about the catch or to test new research equipment.



Also during the meal, federation staff will give updates about local restoration efforts and opportunities to get involved. Learn about the importance of eating local seafood and how to help protect water quality and coastal habitats.

The price is \$55 for federation members and \$65 for non-members. Space is limited, and advanced registration is required by visiting www.nccoast.org or by calling the federation at 252.473.1607. Reservations are non-refundable and guests must be 21 or older or accompanied by a paying adult.

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About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

"Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's

headquarters are at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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